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COMMON CARRIER BUREAU ANNOUNCES MID-SIZED CARRIER WORKSHOP FOR PHASE 2 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Common Carrier Bureau announces that it will hold a public workshop on May 10, 2000 to solicit ideas on reform initiatives affecting mid-sized carriers that can be undertaken in Phase 2 of its two-phase comprehensive review of the Commission's accounting rules and the reporting requirements of the Automated Reporting Management Information System (ARMIS) for common carriers. The goals of Phase 2 are to further examine the current accounting and reporting structure and address long-term changes needed as local exchange markets become competitive, and to assess what, if any, interim measures should be made as competitive milestones are reached. The mid-sized carrier workshop will be the last of a series of five public workshops.

At the public workshop, interested participants, including state, consumer, community, and industry representatives, will be given an opportunity to present their ideas on ways to achieve the goals in Phase 2 with respect to mid-sized carriers. The workshop will be held at the Commission's Portals location, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., in Room 7-B516, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

For purposes of the workshop, and to accommodate the *ex parte* requirements in any related proceedings, we request that parties making oral presentations submit a summary of the substance of the presentations (not merely a listing of the subjects discussed) and any written presentations to Ms. Debbie Byrd, Accounting Safeguards Division, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC Room 6-C316, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20054. Copies of the participants' presentations will be placed in the record of appropriate proceedings.

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